

NUMBER OF MEMBERS, PLAN OF REPRESENTATION AND TERMS OF OFFICE

1. The Board of Education shall continue to consist of eight members, two from each of the four towns comprising the District. The present Board shall continue to serve until the end of their respective terms.
 - (a) Future elections to the Regional School District No. 7 Board of Education shall be in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut.
2. Members shall have weighted voting power on all issues.
3. The weight of voting power shall be determined as follows:
 - (a) Each town shall have a voting power based on the proportion of 8.0 votes that its population is to the total District population. Voting power shall be rounded to the nearest thousandth of a vote.
 - (b) Should the total of the rounded voting power not equal 8.0, adjustment shall be made to achieve 8.0. The voting power shall be modified, in a direction to achieve 8.0 total, of that town having an exact proportion closest to the hundredth which will achieve 8.0 total.
 - (c) The voting power of each town shall be divided equally between the members of said town. Only the respective member may exercise the vote of each member.
4. Prior to July 1 of the year next succeeding the completion of each Federal Census (and State Census when carried out in intervening years), the Regional School District No. 7 Board of Education shall apportion voting power in accordance with said Census and with the above formula.
5. The voting power to take effect immediately based on the most recent census (**2020**) shall be:

TOWN	POPULATION	RATIO	TOTAL	TOWN VOTE	MEMBER VOTE
Barkhamsted	3,647	0.27516	8	2.2013	1.1006
Colebrook	1,361	0.10269	8	0.8215	0.4107
New Hartford	6,658	0.50234	8	4.0187	2.0094
Norfolk	1,588	0.11981	8	0.9585	0.4793
TOTAL	13,254	1.00		8	4

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6. The term of office of a member of the Board shall be four years.*

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
Section 10-46 and 1-63 j-u

***Section 10-46a. This section calls for four year terms; however, Section 10-63h says that regional school districts in existence on June 24, 1969 are not required to change the composition of the members of its Board of Education or their terms of office. By referendum, Thursday, April 15, 1993, school board terms were changes from three years to four years.**

NOTE: Adopted by the Regional School Reapportionment Committee as provided in Section 10-63k, on 6/29/76. Approved by the State Board of Education on 8/5/76. Approved by Referendum held in four towns on 11/2/76. Item #5 approved by Board of Education 1/28/92. Revision in Item #5 approved by Board of Education 12/11/01. Revision of Item #5 approved by the Board of Education (3/28/2012). Revision of Item #5 approved by the Board of Education 3/10/2022.

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